

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Broward Water Resources Task Force**

Friday, September 19, 2008, 11:00 AM

Broward County Government Center West  
1 N. University Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
Plantation, Florida 33324

#### **Summary:**

The meeting began at 11:15 a.m. Greetings were extended by Dr. Jennifer Jurado of Broward County's Natural Resources Planning and Management Division. Dr. Jurado introduced Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs and SFWMD Governing Board Member Shannon Estenoz who both gave welcoming remarks. Roll call was taken (see attendance list below) and a quorum was announced. Dr. Jurado indicated that the first order of business was to elect a Task Force Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Kristin Jacobs nominated Shannon Estenoz for Chair. The nomination was seconded and Ms. Estenoz was approved unanimously by the Task Force members. At this point Ms. Estenoz assumed responsibilities of Chair in conducting the remainder of the meeting. Assistant Deputy Mayor Rosen nominated Kristin Jacobs for Vice Chair, whose name was seconded and was also approved unanimously.

The next order of business was to review the mission statement. Councilmember Starkey suggested that the mission statement also address water quality. After some discussion, the following revised mission statement was adopted:

*To work collaboratively to identify and evaluate potential regional and sub-regional water supply strategies and solutions of appropriate water quality to meet county-wide future water resource needs and water conservation goals, and to meet the objectives of the enabling resolutions.*

The next discussion item was review of procedures, including the length of appointment terms and how the Task Force and Technical Team would interact. Mayor Cooper inquired about whether the Technical Team should also have a Chair and Vice Chair, and agreement was reached that it should. A discussion ensued regarding when those appointments would occur. It was agreed that a Chair and Vice Chair would be appointed by and for the Technical Team at their first meeting, and this requirement would be added to the Task Force Procedures. The eligibility of individuals to serve as Task Force member alternates was discussed next, followed by discussion of how the Task Force and Technical Team would conduct business in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Law. County Legal Counsel provided clarification on the subject and suggested that any language used in addressing this issue should cite County Chapter 1-233 which establishes basic policy for all Broward County Boards and Section 5 of the enabling County Resolution. In as much as there were three resolutions adopted by the County, League of Cities, and SFWMD enabling the Task Force, it was suggested that it be clarified whether language in Section 5 is consistent among these three resolutions.

The proposed dates, times, and locations for future Task Force meetings were accepted as presented. Future meeting topics and presentations were discussed and Mayor Kaplan requested that a presentation be made in the future on economic issues and to discuss financial constraints. A discussion regarding whether to extend the length of meetings was held and it was the consensus of the membership to extend meetings as needed.

Dr. Jurado delivered a 25-minute presentation titled "Overview of Broward County Water Resources." The presentation included a review of recent water policy, implications for water supply planning, an overview of traditional water resource management in Broward County, and factors contributing to the constraints experienced today. She highlighted several of the issues that the Task Force would be exploring in greater detail as part of subsequent meetings, and encouraged additional consideration of some of the basic assumptions upon which the most recent demand projects were based.

Other items discussed following Dr. Jurado's presentation included:

- The legal authority of the SFWMD, and whether the SFWMD has the ability to operate as a water provider
- The need to challenge assumptions that more water is needed for more growth
- The desire to create a Task Force website for posting of meeting materials and other relevant information. Staff was instructed to look into feasibility.

It was suggested that staff include a public comment period to future agendas with a 3-minute time limit for comments. There was also discussion about the potential for adding a field trip in the Task Force calendar to include a visit to a green building in Lake Worth.

The meeting ended at 1:05 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE

Task Force:

Lisa Aronson, Commissioner, City of Coconut Creek  
Douglas Bell, Chair, Central Broward Water Control District Board of Commissioners  
Peter Bober, Mayor, City of Hollywood  
Joy Cooper, Mayor, City of Hallandale Beach  
Shannon Estenoz, Governing Board Member, South Florida Water Management District  
Lamar Fisher, Mayor at Large, City of Pompano Beach  
Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco, Mayor, City of Tamarac  
Tom Good, Treasurer, South Broward Drainage District  
Glen Hanks, Secretary, Coral Springs Improvement District Board of Supervisors  
Cindi Hutchinson, Commissioner, City of Fort Lauderdale  
Kristin Jacobs, Commissioner, Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
Richard Kaplan, Mayor, City of Lauderhill  
Jack McCluskey, Commissioner, City of Pembroke Pines  
Donald Rosen, Assistant Deputy Mayor, City of Sunrise  
Susan Starkey, Councilmember, Town of Davie  
Allegra Webb Murphy, Commissioner, City of Oakland Park

Technical Team:

Steven Bassett, REP Associates, Inc., for the So. Fla. Chapter U.S. Green Building Council  
Earl King for William Brant, Public Works Director, City of Hallandale Beach  
Hank Breitenkam, Director of Utilities, City of Plantation  
Randy Brown, Director of Utilities, City of Pompano Beach  
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, City of Fort Lauderdale  
Hector Castro, Assistant Director of Utilities, City of Sunrise  
Heather Cunniff, City Planner, City of Lauderhill  
Ray Gagnon, Director of Utilities, City of Tamarac  
John Crouse for Alan Garcia, Director, Broward County Water & Wastewater Services  
Jennifer Jurado, Director, Broward County Natural Resources Planning & Management Div.  
Dylan Larson, Miller-Legg, for the Builders Association of South Florida  
Jack Long, Director, FDEP Southeast District  
Timothy Mayer, Official, Broward County Health Department  
Joe McLaughlin, Engineer, City of Pembroke Pines  
John Mulliken, Director, SFWMD Planning & Resource Evaluation Division  
Albert Perez, Director of Public Utilities, City of Hollywood  
Raj Varma, Director of Utilities & Engineering, City of Coconut Creek

Staff:

Toni Edwards, Water Resources Manager, Broward County Nat. Res. Planning & Mgmt. Div.  
Carole Morris, Lead Intergovernmental Representative, Broward Service Center, SFWMD  
Eric Myers, Assistant Director, Broward County Env. Prot. & Growth Mgmt. Dept.  
Michael Owens, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Broward County Office of County Attorney  
Robert Rudolph, Nat. Res. Specialist III, Broward County Nat. Res. Planning & Mgmt. Div.  
Patti Webster, Env. Project Coordinator, Broward County Nat. Res. Planning & Mgmt. Div.